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<p><b>The government will announce its first budget in October this year. Some people have argued that it is necessary for the government to raise taxes to fund its priorities. Others have argued against this. Which argument do you personally find most convincing?</b></p> <p>After more than a decade of neglect, Britain is falling apart - you see it in our roads, our rivers, our public services. It is crying out for investment. We have to rebuild Britain.</p> <p>Britain is already taxing its citizens at record levels - we are over taxed. We should be taxing less, not more.</p> <p>Labour spent the whole election saying they wouldn't put up taxes - they lied to voters and have constructed a load of phoney arguments to justify it.</p> <p>Our NHS is on its knees - people are waiting hours and hours to be seen in A&amp;E, weeks to get a GPs appointment. We have to raise the money to put the NHS back on its feet so it can be there for people when they need it.</p> <p>The government could find all the money it needs if it made better decisions - like not giving fat cat train drivers a bumper pay deal.</p> <p>The last Conservative government left a £20 billion black hole in the public finances through over-spending. That money has to come from somewhere if we want to repair the public finances.</p> <p>This is a tax break only used by the wealthy. It means that, right now, the highest earners receive much more tax relief on their pension contributions than ordinary workers - that is simply unjust.</p> <p>This is the same old Labour party, doing what they always wanted to do - whacking up taxes at the first opportunity. It will lead to the same waste and over-spending we always see</p> <p>We have one of the poorest performing economies in the advanced world. We have to invest in it if we are going to grow - and that money has to come from somewhere.</p>	For	0.43	0.16	0.70	0.56	0.21
	Against	0.45	0.70	0.26	0.32	0.72
	Against	0.43	0.80	0.19	0.30	0.78
	For	0.45	0.15	0.74	0.60	0.16
	Against	0.44	0.78	0.22	0.31	0.78
	For	0.32	0.04	0.63	0.46	0.05
	For	0.40	0.18	0.61	0.53	0.22
	Against	0.41	0.73	0.13	0.31	0.73
	For	0.34	0.09	0.56	0.38	0.14

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<p><b>Moving on, some people have argued the Labour government should cap the level of tax relief on individual pension contributions at 30%, reducing pension tax breaks for people paying the higher income tax rate. Others have argued against changing tax relief in this way. Which argument do you personally find most convincing?</b></p> <p>Everybody, including those who would pay this tax, benefits from better public services and that's what this money would help ensure.</p> <p>It is blatantly unfair to raise these taxes for ordinary people when the government has just chosen to spend a load of money giving pay rises to public sector workers</p> <p>Right now, the highest earners receive much more tax relief than workers on a typical salary - that is simply unjust.</p> <p>The last government left a big black hole in the public finances and this is a way of raising money to address that.</p> <p>This is a bad idea. All it will do is discourage people from saving toward their pension</p> <p>This is an attack on the aspirations of ordinary people. Even those who don't pay this tax today will one day hope to, if their incomes goes up and they are one day in a position to put aside more in savings.</p> <p>This is the same old Labour party, taxing ordinary, hard-working people - exactly what they said they wouldn't do before winning the election</p> <p>This is yet another unjustified attack on pensioners by Labour following the cutting back of the winter fuel allowance.</p> <p>We desperately need to raise more money to rebuild public services and this is more fair than other taxes.</p> <p>When young people are saddled with huge debts and can't dream of buying a home, it's not fair for government to be subsidising the best-off pensioners.</p>	<p>For</p> <p>Against</p> <p>For</p> <p>For</p> <p>Against</p> <p>Against</p> <p>Against</p> <p>For</p> <p>For</p>	<p>0.37</p> <p>0.43</p> <p>0.51</p> <p>0.29</p> <p>0.38</p> <p>0.37</p> <p>0.43</p> <p>0.40</p> <p>0.37</p> <p>0.39</p>	<p>0.16</p> <p>0.72</p> <p>0.34</p> <p>0.07</p> <p>0.61</p> <p>0.57</p> <p>0.67</p> <p>0.71</p> <p>0.23</p> <p>0.15</p>	<p>0.54</p> <p>0.25</p> <p>0.66</p> <p>0.52</p> <p>0.26</p> <p>0.22</p> <p>0.26</p> <p>0.24</p> <p>0.58</p> <p>0.54</p>	<p>0.55</p> <p>0.30</p> <p>0.62</p> <p>0.40</p> <p>0.32</p> <p>0.22</p> <p>0.35</p> <p>0.29</p> <p>0.46</p> <p>0.48</p>	<p>0.21</p> <p>0.72</p> <p>0.31</p> <p>0.03</p> <p>0.62</p> <p>0.60</p> <p>0.78</p> <p>0.61</p> <p>0.17</p> <p>0.21</p>

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<p><b>Moving on, some people have also argued for a range of new policies which tax earnings gained from wealth (such as shares, dividends, rental income) in line with earnings gained from work (salaries). Others have argued against raising taxes in this way. Which argument do you personally find most convincing?</b></p> <p>All this will do is discourage entrepreneurs and wealth creators from investing in Britain at a time when we badly need economic growth.</p>	Against	0.30	0.58	0.16	0.22	0.57
<p>Everybody, including those who would pay this tax, benefit from better public services and that's what this money would help ensure.</p>	For	0.46	0.24	0.68	0.55	0.26
<p>It is blatantly unfair to raise these taxes when the government has just chosen to spend a load of money giving pay rises to public sector workers.</p>	Against	0.33	0.65	0.17	0.20	0.62
<p>Lots of ordinary people draw an income from owning wealth in some way - it would be unfair to them to raise their taxes.</p>	Against	0.35	0.61	0.21	0.28	0.57
<p>Lots of ordinary people draw an income from property or wealth in some way. An old person who happens to have a property they draw a rental income from is not rich!</p>	Against	0.33	0.57	0.17	0.25	0.54
<p>Right now, because income from wealth is taxed less than income from work, landlords or venture capitalists pay less income than ordinary workers. Rishi Sunak pays less tax on his multi-million pound income than a nurse! That is simply unfair.</p>	For	0.60	0.33	0.77	0.78	0.45
<p>Same old Labour. This just shows that the Labour party hates business and wants to tax it to death.</p>	Against	0.27	0.54	0.09	0.17	0.47
<p>The last government left a big black hole in the public finances and this is a way of raising money to address that.</p>	For	0.38	0.13	0.61	0.42	0.17
<p>This is an attack on the aspirations of ordinary people. Even those who don't pay this tax today will one day hope to, if they become wealthier.</p>	Against	0.31	0.53	0.20	0.35	0.46
<p>This is the same old Labour party, engaging in the politics of envy - attacking those who have done well for themselves.</p>	Against	0.30	0.66	0.15	0.15	0.59
<p>Too many people make money speculating on property or the stock market - not doing something more productive. It's fair to ask more of them.</p>	For	0.44	0.24	0.62	0.62	0.28
<p>We desperately need to raise more money to rebuild public services - and this is more fair than other taxes.</p>	For	0.47	0.25	0.72	0.58	0.20
<p>Wealth taxes are paid by people living in the richest parts of the country. Taxing wealth more would help reduce inequality between regions.</p>	For	0.54	0.26	0.74	0.63	0.35

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<p><b>Moving on, some advocates have argued for taxes on 'harmful' behaviour, both as a way of discouraging this behaviour but also raising extra money to fund government priorities, including public services. This includes ending the freeze on alcohol duty, effectively raising taxes on these kinds of items. Others have argued against raising taxes in this way. Which argument do you personally find most convincing?</b></p> <p>Everybody, including those who would pay this tax, benefit from better public services and that's what this money would help ensure.</p> <p>Government shouldn't be so keen to tax the things that give people a bit of joy in tough times.</p> <p>It is sensible to use taxes to discourage behaviour that causes harm - if these taxes change behaviour, society and taxpayers will be better off</p> <p>The last government left a big black hole in the public finances and this is a way of raising money to address that.</p> <p>The well off consume far more of these things than everyone else, so they would be the ones paying the most extra - that is fair.</p> <p>This is a terrible idea and would hit the poorest hardest.</p> <p>This is simply the a 'nanny state' trying to control people's lives. People can make their own decisions about what to do - government should stay out of it.</p> <p>This would be deeply out of touch, policies set by politicians who don't understand the cost of living faced by ordinary people.</p> <p>This would hit ordinary people in the pocket at a time when they can least afford it.</p> <p>This would not be easy, but it would huge sums of money that could be spent on front-line public services that badly need it.</p> <p>We desperately need to raise more money to rebuild public services and this is less unfair than other taxes.</p>	For	0.46	0.31	0.63	0.54	0.30
	Against	0.36	0.50	0.23	0.27	0.60
	For	0.40	0.36	0.51	0.50	0.20
	For	0.32	0.21	0.50	0.37	0.15
	For	0.33	0.23	0.45	0.51	0.18
	Against	0.37	0.39	0.30	0.28	0.59
	Against	0.36	0.48	0.24	0.21	0.57
	Against	0.42	0.54	0.28	0.40	0.68
	Against	0.44	0.62	0.31	0.43	0.64
	For	0.41	0.38	0.53	0.53	0.24
	For	0.41	0.37	0.53	0.47	0.21

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<p><b>Moving on, some people have also argued that the Labour government should change its fiscal plans to allow greater government borrowing to in turn allow for more government spending on public infrastructure projects. Others have argued against changing the plans in this way. Which argument do you personally find most convincing?</b></p> <p>After more than a decade of neglect, Britain is falling apart - and crying out for investment. You see it in our roads, our rivers, our public services. We have to fix the foundations and that means investment</p>	For	0.47	0.24	0.73	0.58	0.21
<p>All this will do is lead to more government waste and bungled, mismanaged projects.</p>	Against	0.37	0.62	0.16	0.32	0.70
<p>Borrowing money like this is going to lead to a massive increase in inflation and interest rates that will hurt ordinary people</p>	Against	0.43	0.67	0.28	0.37	0.62
<p>Britain has had some of the lowest economic growth of anywhere in the Western world. We have to start investing in things that kickstart our economy.</p>	For	0.39	0.15	0.56	0.49	0.21
<p>Britain is in an economic mess because successive governments have failed to take a long term view. This has left us with public services and infrastructure that is falling apart. To turn this around we need to start investing in long term solutions to Britain's problems</p>	For	0.50	0.23	0.73	0.64	0.33
<p>By investing in projects that enhance economic opportunity, we can put money in the hands of ordinary people, kickstarting economic growth and benefiting everyone</p>	For	0.40	0.24	0.63	0.38	0.19
<p>Government investment pays for itself in the long run - by creating extra growth, you not only help ordinary people, you increase tax revenue going back to government. It's long term thinking to invest in solving the country's problems.</p>	For	0.39	0.21	0.56	0.54	0.18
<p>The government is asking private companies and investors to put their money in Britain, but this won't be effective unless the government shows that it is also willing to invest in the future and back Britain. Smart government investment can help</p>	For	0.40	0.32	0.59	0.47	0.15
<p>This change has been endorsed by a number of serious economic experts, including the Institute for Fiscal Studies</p>	For	0.31	0.24	0.52	0.43	0.13
<p>This is Labour just fiddling the books so it can do what it always does - spend too much money while hiding that fact from the rest of us.</p>	Against	0.33	0.61	0.10	0.22	0.68
<p>This is the same old Labour party, the moment they get in they start spending money we don't have. It's deeply irresponsible.</p>	Against	0.33	0.67	0.09	0.27	0.58
<p>This money borrowed today will have to be paid back by our children and grandchildren in future years - that is deeply irresponsible.</p>	Against	0.35	0.47	0.21	0.23	0.62
<p>We need to start making things in Britain again - taking control of our energy supply, building up our manufacturing, building houses for young people to live in. All that needs government investment</p>	For	0.49	0.29	0.75	0.57	0.32